THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Government have approved the proposal of Centre for High Technology for signing of a Technical Services agreement with M/s Caltex Services Corporation, USA and M/s B.P. Engineering, London, UK to obtain technical services to obtain technical services for the oil refining and marketing and constancy organisations on a centeralised basis for a period of one year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Crime Branch of Delhi Police

4709. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Crime Branch of Delhi Police is proposed to be streamlined in view of its handling heinous crimes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (b) The Delhi Police have reported that they have subsibted a proposal for the creation of 725 posts to the Delhi Administration for re-organising the Crime Branch with a view to further improving its functioing.

Expenditure on VIPs Security

4710. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHUHAN:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred on the security of ex-Presidents, ex-Prime Minister and their families during 1991; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the security of the Union Ministers during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Damage to Shia Holy Shrines in Iraq

4711. SHRI CHETAN P.S CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI KRISHNESDRA KAUR:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have ascertained full facts regarding damage and destruction to Sheela holy shrines in Iraq;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the further action taken by the Government in the matter thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVASINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c). Following the reopening of the Indian Embassy in Baghdad in April 1991, the position regarding the damaged shrines